Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Week 5 Tuesday Lunch

Ingredients	12 Servings	24 Servings	Directions Lunch
Cream of mushroom soup,	1- 10 oz can	2- 10 oz cans	1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Canned, Condensed, undiluted Cream of chicken soup, Canned, Condensed, undiluted Milk, 1% Low-fat Garlic powder Onion powder Pepper Green chilies, canned, diced Chicken, diced, cooked Low-fat tortilla chips, plain Shredded cheddar cheese, low-fat	1- 10 oz can 1- 10 oz can 1- 10 oz can 1- 15 oz can 1- 10 oz can 1- 10 oz can 2 cap 1- 10 oz can 2 cap 3 cap 8 oz 2 cap	2- 10 02 cans 2- 10 02 cans \frac{1}{2} tsp 2 tsp \frac{1}{2} tsp 8 oz 1 qt+2 cup 1 lb 4 cups	 In a large bowl, combine both soups and milk. Mix. Add garlic powder, onion powder, pepper and chilies. Mix well. Fold in diced chicken. Set aside. Spray 9" x 13" baking pan with non-stick vegetable spray. Lightly crush tortilla chips in bottom of pan. Spread ½ of the chicken mixture over the chips. Layer ½ of the cheese over the chicken mixture. Repeat a second layer of chips, chicken mixture and cheese. Bake for 30 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before
Portion size for 3-5 year old: 2/3 cup Each serving provides: $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz meat/meat alternate, $\frac{1}{2}$ serving bread			serving.

Nutrition Tip: Using low-fat chips, cheese, and soup will help limit the amount of saturated fat.

Physical Activity: Go to your local YMCA or recreation center for swimming and other fun activities they offer.

Recipe Source: What's Cookin' II, Nebraska Dept. of Education Nutrition Services

Chicken Pita Sandwich



Week 5 Thursday Lunch

<u> </u>	<u>8 Servings</u>	16 Servings	<u> Directions</u>
Chicken breast (no skin), roasted, chopped/diced	12 oz. (or 2 ½ cup)	24 oz. (or 5 cup)	1. In a mixing bowl, combine chicken, mozzarella cheese, onion powder, ranch dressing, salt and
Mozzarella cheese, low-fat, shredded	½ cup	1 cup	garlic powder. Mix well.
Onion powder	1 tsp	2 tsp	2. Cut each pita bread round in half.
Fat-free ranch dressing	½ cup	1 cup	3. Put 1/8 of the mixture into
Salt, table	½ tsp	1 tsp	each pita half.
Garlic powder	1/8 tsp	½ tsp	+1/ * 1* . 6* 1 1
Pita bread rounds, made w/	4 (6 inch)	8 (6 inch)	*Variation: finely chopped cooked turkey, ham or beef may be
whole wheat or enriched			substituted for chicken.
flour (can also use a whole wheat tortilla)			
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Portion size for 3-5 year old: $\frac{1}{2}$ pita sandwich

Each serving provides: $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz meat/meat alternative, $\frac{1}{2}$ slice bread/bread alternate

Nutrition Tip: Use a whole wheat pita bread or whole wheat tortilla shell for added fiber and better nutrition.

Physical Activity: Ask children to imitate the action of their favorite animals or others (tree swaying in wind, cat arching its back, kangaroo jumping, train chugging along, or spider climbing)

Recipe Source: What's Cookin' II, Nebraska Dept. of Education Nutrition Services

Chili Corn Chip Bake >



Week 4 Monday Lunch

<u> </u>	<u>8 Servings</u>	16 Servings	Directions
Ground Beef (lean)	1 lb	2 lb	Brown ground beef and onion,
Chopped onion, fresh Canned pinto beans	½ cup 2 cups	 ½ cup 1 qt 	drain. Add beans, tomato sauce,
Canned tomato sauce	8 oz	1 lb	garlic and chili powder, and salt.
Garlic powder	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	Simmer over medium heat 5
Salt	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	minutes. Stir in cheese
Chili powder	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	Spread 1 cup crushed corn
Grated cheddar cheese	4 oz	8 oz	chips in greased 8" \times 8" pan.
Corn chips	3 oz	6 oz	Pour meat mixture on top
	(or 2 cups)	(or 4 cups)	Top with remaining chips. Cover with foil. Bake at 350
			degrees for 30 minutes.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 1/8 of recipe

Each serving provides: 1.5 oz meat/meat alternate, 1/2 slice bread alternate, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vegetable

Beans are a good source of protein and an excellent source of fiber.

Physical Activity: Increase child's ability to jump and land safely by grasping his/her hand while jumping from boxes, steps, etc.

Practice landing on both feet and bending knees.

Recipe Source: Young Parents Education Center, Great Falls

Cool Creamy Vegetable Dip



Week 5 Friday Snack

<u> </u>	<u> 2 Cups</u>	1 Quart	Directions
Low fat plain yogurt	½ cup	1 cup	Combine cottage
Reduced calorie salad dressing OR	1 ½ cups	$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups	cheese, milk, and your
Low Fat mayonnaise Instant nonfat dry milk, reconstituted	½ cup	½ cup	seasoning in a blender or beat until smooth in a
Parsley, dried	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	bowl.
Granulated garlic	3/8 t <i>s</i> p	<u>³</u> †sp	
Onion powder	3/8 t <i>s</i> p	<u>³</u> †sp	C
Salt	³ tsp	1 ½ tsp	Serve with a tray of
Ground black or white pepper	½ tsp	½ tsp	vegetables.
	Yields 8	Yields 16	
	2 oz servings.	2 oz servings.	

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 2 oz or 1/8 cup

Nutrition tip: This low fat dip is tasty with vegetables and whole wheat crackers. This is a *healthier* alternative to store-bought Ranch dressing as it is much lower in fat and salt.

Physical Activity: Play Ring around the Rosy.

Recipe Source: USDA E-13

Corn Flake Baked Chicken Breasts



Week 1 Wednesday Lunch

<u> </u>	10 Servings	25 Servings	Directions
Skinless, boneless chicken breasts Crushed corn flake crumbs Skim milk Melted margarine	1 lb+ 4 oz (raw weight) 1 1/3 cup 1/3 cup 1Tbsp+1tsp	3 lb+ 2 ozs (raw weight) 3 1/3 cup \(\frac{3}{4} \) cup+ 1Tbsp 3Tbsp + 1 tsp	Trim all of the fat from the Breasts. Cut each breast into 3-4 strips. Soak in skim milk. Dredge in Corn Flake crumbs on both sides. Place on oiled pan. Drizzle margarine over pieces. Bake at 400-degrees for one hour.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 1.5 oz of chicken (approximately 1/2 the size of a deck of cards)

Each serving provides: 1.5 oz meat

Nutrition Tip: Iron in the chicken and the corn flakes helps to prevent diseases by building a healthy immune system.

Physical Activity: Play "Freeze Tag". A child can only be "IT" for 3 minutes. Pick a new person to be it if it is taking longer than this. To un-freeze someone they must crawl in-between the others legs. The person who is it must tag everyone.

Recipe Source: Connie Nelson

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Cottage Cheese Dip



Week 4 Friday Snack

16 Servings	32 Servings	Directions ————
2 cups	1 qt	Combine cottage
½ cup	½ cup	cheese, milk, and your seasoning in a blender or beat until smooth in a
1/2 tsp	1 tsp	bowl.
		Serve with a tray of vegetables.
1 package	2 packages	
	2 cups 1/4 cup 1/2 tsp	2 cups 1 qt \frac{1}{4} cup \frac{1}{2} cup \frac{1}{2} tsp 1 tsp

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 1/8 cup (2 Tbsp)

Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ oz meat alternate

Nutrition tip: Cottage cheese is a great source of protein for young children. Make sure you buy a low fat version.

Physical Activity: Play Follow-the-Leader. Include hopping, skipping, and jumping as you move along.

Recipe Source: Montana Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Crockpot Cheeseburger Sandwiches



Week 4 Wednesday Lunch

<u> </u>	14 Servings	28 Servings	<u> </u>
Lean ground beef	1 lb + 8oz raw weight	3 lb raw weight	In large skillet, brown ground beef and garlic pepper blend
Pepper, black	½ tsp	½ tsp	until thoroughly cooked. Drain.
Pasteurized process cheese			In 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4-quart slow cooker,
spread, American	8 oz	1 lb	combine cooked ground beef
Milk, 1% low-fat	2 Tbsp	1/4 cup	and all remaining ingredients
Green bell pepper, chopped	1 small	2 small	except buns; mix well.
Small onion, chopped	1 small	2 small	Cover, cook on Low for 6-7
Garlic cloves, minced	2 cloves	4 cloves	hours. To serve, spoon
Sandwich buns, split	7 each	14 each	mixture into sandwich buns.
Note: Garlic-pepper blend is a mixture of garlic powder and cracked black pepper.			

Portion size for 3-5 year old: $\frac{1}{2}$ sandwich

Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ slice bread, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz meat/meat alternate

Nutrition Tip: Rinsing the browned burger in hot water removes some of the fat. If you plan to rinse the burger, season it <u>after</u> it is rinsed.

Physical Activity: Design a balance trail of objects consisting of wooden plans, twisted rope, and taped pathways that spark child's movement and improve balance skills. Tell them to move like a snail while raising arms out to side for balance.

Recipe Source: http://www.childrensrecipe.com

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Cucumber-Yogurt Dip

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Week 5 Tuesday Snack

<u> </u>	14 Servings	28 Servings	Directions
Yogurt, plain, low-fat	2 cup	4 cup	Stir yogurt and cream
Cream cheese, low-fat	8 oz.	16 oz.	cheese until smooth. Add
Cucumber, raw, peeled, diced	1 cup	2 cup	remaining ingredients; stir
Garlic, fresh, cloves	2 cloves	4 cloves	to blend.
Dill weed, fresh or dried	2 Tbsp	4 Tbsp	
Lemon juice, canned/bottled	2 t <i>s</i> p	4 t <i>s</i> p	Serve with raw or
Black pepper	1 tsp	2 t <i>s</i> p	blanched vegetables, such
Lemon zest	2 t <i>s</i> p	4 tsp	as carrots, celery,
			tomatoes or zucchini.
Optional:			
Cucumber, sliced thin			
Julienne mint leaves			

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 2 oz. or 1/8 cup Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. meat alternate

Nutrition Tip: Yogurt provides healthy bacteria to aid in digestion. Plain yogurt has <u>much less</u> sugar than flavored yogurt.

Physical Activity: Build an obstacle course in the yard and practice running, walking, or crawling through it.

Recipe Source: 3-A-Day of Dairy

Easy Winter Fruit Salad

Week 5 Monday Breakfast

<u> </u>	16 Servings	32 Servings	Directions
Canned sliced peaches, light syrup	1- 29 oz can	2- 29 oz cans	Cut sliced peaches into
drained			smaller chunks. Combine
Canned peach or apricot pie filling	1- 21 oz can	2- 21 oz cans	fruit (except bananas) and
			pie filling and refrigerate.
Canned pineapple chunks, drained	1- 20 oz can	2- 20 oz cans	Just before serving, stir
Red or green seedless grapes	1 ½ cup	3 cups	in sliced bananas. This
		•	salad will keep in the
Large bananas, raw	4 large	8 large	refrigerator.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit

Nutrition Tip: Apricots and peaches are good sources of beta-carotene - important phytochemicals to fight off disease.

Physical Activity: Take a walk after/before lunch around block. Little ones can peddle on their tricycle.

Recipe Source: Team Meals, Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa

Finger Pancakes



Week 3 Monday Snack

Flour, all-purpose, white, 2 cups 4 cups and sift into egg and milk	<u> </u>	15 Servings	30 Servings	<u>Directions</u>
Salt Baking powder, Double-Acting Sugar, Granulated Powdered sugar as needed 1 tsp 1 tsp 2 tsp 2 tsp 2 tsp When golden brown, turn of brown the other side. When pancake is cooked, sprinkle lightly with powdersugar. Roll up in jelly roll	Eggs, whole, fresh Milk 1% Low-fat Flour, all-purpose, white, enriched Salt Baking powder, Double-Acting Sugar, Granulated	2 egg 3 cup 2 cups 1 tsp 1 tsp	4 eggs 1 qt + 2 cup 4 cups 1 tsp 2 tsp	Beat eggs; add milk. Combine the dry ingredients and sift into egg and milk mixture; mix well. Pour small amount of batter (about 1/8 cup) on hot, greased griddle; spread evenly. When golden brown, turn and brown the other side. When pancake is cooked, sprinkle lightly with powdered

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 2 small pancakes Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ slice bread alterate

Nutrition Tip: Finger pancakes are fun eat and fun to make. Let the children roll their pancakes themselves. Great finger dexterity building!

Physical Activity: Roll down a *gently-sloped* grassy hill. Climb back up and do it again. Do this several times.

Recipe Source: What's Cooking II

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Fruit Jigglers



Week 1 Thursday Snack

<u> </u>	10 Servinas	25 Servinas	<u>Directions</u>
Small packages of strawberry gelatin	4 packages	10 packages (3oz)	Dissolve gelatin in juice. Puree strawberries in blender and
Boiling apple juice	2 ½ cups	$1 q + 2 \frac{1}{4} cup$	add to gelatin mixture. Whip
Sliced strawberries	2 ½ cups	1 qt+2 ½ cup	briefly with egg beater. Pour into 9x13 pan. Chill for almost 3 hours. Cut into squares or with cookie cutters to make fun shapes.
			Note: Be sure the "scraps" are divided up and served if you use cookie cutters.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 1/10 of recipe

Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit

Nutrition Tip: Strawberries have Vitamin C to protect your eyes.

Physical Activity: The Tossing Challenge - Give the children a bean bag and let them first toss it as high as they can, but still catching it. Then line them up to see you can toss it the farthest, then on the teacher's command they have to run and retrieve it returning to the same location, repeat.

Recipe Source: The Menu Collection by Child Care Choices, Inc.

Gone Fishin'

Week 2 Friday Snack

<u> </u>	10 Servings	20 Servings	Directions
Pretzel sticks (Hard, plain, salted)	1 cup	2 cups	Mix blue food coloring and yogurt.
Low-fat vanilla yogurt	20 oz	40 oz	Spread the yogurt mix thick on a plate. Press fish shaped crackers
Blue food coloring	a few drops	a few drops	
Cheese crackers (fish shaped)	1 ½ cup	3 cups	into yogurt/pudding. Use pretzel sticks to scoop up the fish. When you catch one, eat it!

Portion size for 3-5 year old: approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ cup crackers/pretzels and 2 oz yogurt Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ slice bread alternate, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz meat alternate

Nutrition Tip: This activity works best if you make an individual fish bowl for each child. Small paper cups or plates work well.

Physical Activity: Play an old fashioned game of tag, hide and go seek or kick the can!

Recipe Source: Connie Nelson, MT Provider

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Week 3 Wednesday Snack

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<u> </u>	12 Servings	24 Servings	Directions
Oatmeal Brown sugar Apple juice, canned, unsweetened, with Vitamin C Vegetable Oil Honey Salt Cinnamon, ground Vanilla, extract Raisins, seedless	2 cups dry wt. \frac{1}{4} cup packed 1/3cup+2tsp 1 Tbsp \frac{1}{4} cup \frac{1}{4} tsp \frac{3}{4} tsp 1/3cup+2tsp packed	1 QT dry wt. ½ cup packed ¾ cup 1 Tbsp ½ cup ½ tsp ½ Tbsp ½ Tbsp ¼ cup packed	Preheat oven to 250 degrees. In a small saucepan, combine brown sugar, apple juice, oil, honey, salt, cinnamon, and vanilla. Stir well to dissolve sugar. Simmer over medium heat for 5 minutes. Measure oats into a mixing bowl. Pour brown sugar mixture over oats. Toss well to evenly coat. Spread granola evenly on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 60-75 minutes, until granola is crunchy and lightly browned. While granola is hot, add raisins and stir to blend. Cool thoroughly before storing.
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Portion size for 3-5 year old: $\frac{1}{4}$ cup

Each serving provides: ½ slice bread alternate

Nutrition Tip: Oatmeal is a whole grain food, important in providing fiber and B Vitamins. Physical Activity: Play a game of soccer in the backyard or at a local park.

Recipe Source: USDA A Toolkit for Healthy School Meals

Ham and Cheddar Roll-ups



Week 4 Friday Lunch

<u> </u>	8 Servings	16 Servings	Directions
Package of (8) refrigerated Crescent rolls	8 biscuits	16 biscuit	Unroll crescent rolls. Tear along perforations. Place 8 triangles on a lightly greased
Prepared mustard, yellow	1 Tbsp + 1 tsp	2 Tbsp+2 tsp	baking sheet. Spread lightly with mustard. Sprinkle each with cheese and cooked ham.
Cheddar cheese, low-fat, shredded	½ cup	½ cup	Starting at large end, roll dough toward point. Fold ends in slightly to form "horns".
Ham, deli, finely chopped	4 oz	8 oz	Bake in a 375 degrees F oven for 11 to 13 minutes or until golden.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 1 Roll-up

Each serving provides: 1 slice bread alternate, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz meat/meat alternate

Nutrition Tip: Try using low fat cheese and low fat crescent rolls in this recipe.

Physical Activity: Practice kicking, throwing, catching, tossing, etc a beach ball or other large soft ball.

Recipe Source: http://homehearth.virtualave.net

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Healthy Bran Muffins

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Week 5 Wednesday Snack

<u> </u>	<u> 15 Muffins</u>	30 Muffins	<u> Directions</u>
Brown sugar, packed	½ cup	1 cup	1. Beat sugar, eggs and oil, add
Oil	1/3 c+ 2 tsp	<u>³</u> cup	milk and pineapple juice, then add
Eggs	1 lg. egg	2 lg. eggs	pineapple and carrots.
Skim milk	<u>³</u> cup	1 ½ cup	2. Mix dry ingredients in a large
Crushed pineapple, drained	5 oz	10 oz	bowl. Add wet ingredients to the
(save ¾ cup juice)			dry ingredients. Mix until batter
Whole wheat flour	1 cup	2 cups	is moist. Do not over mix.
Oat bran	½ cup	1 cup	3. Bake 375 degrees for 18 to 20
Wheat germ	½ cup	1 cup	minutes. Fill muffin cups 🖟 full.
Baking soda	1 tsp	2 tsp	Do not over bake.
Baking powder	1 tsp	2 tsp	4. Put leftover batter in
Cinnamon, ground	½ tsp	1 tsp	refrigerator and it will keep up to
Nutmeg, ground	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	six weeks.
Salt, table	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	
Carrots, grated	½ medium	1 medium	
Raisins, packed (soak in hot water and drain)	½ cup	1 cup	
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Portion size for 3-5 year old: ½ muffin

Each serving provides: 1 slice of bread alternate

Nutrition tip: The soluble fiber in oat bran and oatmeal may be helpful in reducing blood cholesterol. Foods high in soluble fiber include oat bran, oatmeal, beans, peas, rice bran, barley, citrus fruits, strawberries and apple pulp.

Physical Activity: Select a favorite action storybook and inspire child to mimic the actions and expressions of the characters.

Recipe Source: Barbara Oehl

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Hens on the Nest



Week 3 Tuesday Breakfast

<u> </u>	10 Servings	25 Servings	<u> Directions</u>
English muffins, plain, enriched and toasted	5 muffins	$12\frac{1}{2}$ muffins	Scramble eggs. Toast English muffins. Top each English muffin half with scrambled egg. Sprinkle with cheese. Keep warm until service.
Eggs, whole, scrambled	5 lg. eggs	12 ½ lg. eggs	
Cheddar cheese, reduced fat, shredded	5 oz	12 ½ oz	•

Portion size for 3-5 year old: one nest (1/2 muffin topped with egg and cheese)

Each serving provides: $\frac{1}{2}$ slice bread alternate, 1 oz meat alternate

Nutrition Tip: Look for English muffins made with whole wheat flour.

Physical Activity: Play musical chairs, but call it "musical nests".

Recipe Source: Kathy Pemberton, Sidney, MT

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Homemade Biscuits



Week 2 Thursday Breakfast

<u> </u>	16 Servings	32 Servings	Directions
Enriched, all purpose flour Baking powder Salt Cream of tartar Sugar Vegetable shortening Low-fat milk Glaze: 2 Tbsp Butter, melted ½ tsp Vanilla 4 Tbsp Milk 2-3 cups powdered sugar to make glaze consistency	1 cup 2 tsp \(\frac{1}{4}\) tsp \(\frac{1}{4}\) tsp \(\frac{1}{4}\) cup 1/3 cup	2 cups 4 tsp ½ tsp ½ tsp 2 tsp ½ cup 2/3 cup	In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt, cream of tartar and sugar. Cut in shortening with a pastry cutter or a fork. Add milk. Stir to soft dough. Roll out on floured surface. Use seasonal cookie cutters for special touch. Color the glaze to make festive. Spray baking sheet with nonstick spray. Bake at 450 for 8-10 minutes.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: 1 small biscuit each

Each serving provides: 1 bread alternate

Nutrition Tip: Children <u>love</u> to help in the kitchen. Let the kids use the cookie cutters to cut the dough into fun shapes. Physical Activity: Gather kids in a circle and have them take turns leading group stretches and jumping activities.

Recipe Source: Laura England, Kootenai Valley Head Start

Hummus Dip



Week 2 Monday Lunch

<u> </u>	<u>8 Servings</u>	<u> 17 Servings</u>	<u> Directions</u>
Chickpeas (canned garbanzo beans) Drained, rinsed well Low-fat plain yogurt Lemon juice	1-12.5 oz can 2- 1 cup 2	2-12.5 oz cans 2 cups 1/ Servings	Blend chickpeas, yogurt, lemon juice, olive oil, and hot sauce in blender until smooth.
Olive oil Hot pepper sauce	1 ½ tsp 3 drops	1 Tbsp 6 drops	Serve with fresh vegetables, such as carrot slices or cucumber slices.
			This can also become a complete lunch by adding fresh fruit, pita bread and milk.

Portion size for 3-5 year old: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup

Each serving provides: $1 \frac{1}{2}$ oz meat alternate

Nutrition Tip: Canned legumes/beans are great sources of iron. Frequent growth spurts put children at risk for anemia (low iron).

Physical Activity: Use sidewalk chalk to draw a hopscotch board on the sidewalk.

Recipe Source: MT CACFP Nutrition News